

POSTOFFICE HOURS

8 A. M. to 7 P. M.

SUNDAYS.

6 P. M. to 7 P. M.

No money orders issued or letters registered after 6:30 P. M. and none on Sundays.

JOHN SHIER, P. M.

Local Intelligence.

A SIGN.

Oh, where is the heart that sighs not for love,
Contented to live in this dear world alone,
Who knows not the sorrows that rob him, and
prove
The sins for which Justice commands him
to know?

Who knows not the yoke of a life's daily care,
The knots in life's fabric so carefully wove,
Alas! how often far is the burden to bear
If counsel'd, assisted and strengthened by
love.

Judge Sawyer is nursing a rheumatic foot.

W. L. Cook returned from Beaver yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Blanchard is engaged as bookkeeper at the Pioche Con. M. & R. Co. office.

Hyman, our dry goods merchant, is reported to have struck it rich in Monkey Wrench.

Hon. Tremor Coffin, having finished his business here, returned to Carson last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mamie Kelly has been appointed to the position of librarian at the Pioche reading rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Godbe, and Anthony Godbe, returned to Ballonville from Salt Lake last Tuesday.

Postmaster Shier took a run down to Monkey Wrench yesterday to note the progress of his several interests there.

Considerable ore has recently been shipped from the Poorman mine to the smelters, and the mine is developing well.

Billy O'Brien left for Salt Lake last Sunday, where he expects to enter the employ of the Salt Lake Music Company.

Miss Mattie Sawyer returned last Sunday from Sioux City, Iowa, where she has been attending school since last summer.

Mr. Frank Godbe, accountant for the P. C. Co., is expected to return about the 10th inst. from his trip to the Sandwich Islands.

Bert Dooley's store window is the centre of attraction for all the belles in town, who gather to criticize his latest spring style in hats.

The Pioche Con. Co. will pay on the tenth of this month, and pay days each month hereafter are not expected to be later than the tenth.

There is a current rumor to the effect that a bank is shortly to be established here. If it is done it will be a forcible reminder of the petting days of Pioche.

Since the refinery started up it has been an object of great interest to those who never saw one in operation, and has attracted a considerable number of visitors.

Hon. A. L. Fitzgerald, R. Sadler, Wm. Hancock and R. Mullins came in by stage from Eureka, to attend a meeting of Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., and returned Monday.

J. W. Cassidy, one of the prospective millionaires of Ferguson district, was in town this week. He looked as happy and serene as a man could who expects to be shortly wearing diamonds.

Manager Eames of the P. C. Co., and Mr. E. E. Olcott, have spent the past week in examining the Meadow Valley and Raymond mines of the company and are only about half through with the work.

The local papers announce preparations under way in many towns of the State for 4th of July celebrations. What's the matter with Pioche? Let's have an old time celebration of the great and glorious day.

J. C. Henderson is in from Pahrangat Lake District, where he has been at work on the Balbach mine. He reports the mine as cleaned up in good shape, the shaft showing two feet of rich ore in the bottom and looking fine.

The Bachelors lost another of the brotherhood Sunday morning, Mr. George Wheatly taking unto himself a rib. At the present rate the ranks of the B.B.B. will soon become decimated and available bachelors be at a premium.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Remember this and take frequent baths at Joe Phillips' rooms on Main street, where you can do so with as much comfort as at any place in this mountain country. See his advertisement this week.

At the recent term of the U. S. Court at Carson, Mrs. Mary Wiley of Reno, the mother of ten children, was found guilty of selling whisky to Indians and sentenced to the State's prison for thirteen months. While in prison a child will be born to her.

Jas. Casey, of the Pioche Con. M. & R. Co., was driving a fractions horse attached to a road cart, last Monday, when the animal ran away, throwing Mr. Casey to the ground and injuring him quite severely. Mr. C. feels thankful that nothing more serious happened.

A number of our local sports had considerable money bet on the result of the Jackson-Slavin fight which took place in London on Monday last. The darkey knocked his man out in the tenth round and used him up so badly that he could neither stand nor see. He forced the fighting from the start and Slavin couldn't withstand his powerful "left."

Friday's Entertainment.

The entertainment and ball of last Friday evening was neither so well attended nor so profitable as its promoters hoped it would prove, yet a fair audience was present and all enjoyed themselves after the entertainment, until the small hours of morning, in dancing. The program was not as lengthy as at some of the previous ones, but was well rendered and heartily appreciated by the audience. This is the last entertainment of the kind which will occur here for some time.

No Lights.

Sunday night at about eleven o'clock, the electric light line at some point, "short circuited" and burned out the fuses in several of the transformers attached to the poles on Main street, and necessitated shutting down the plant. The poles immediately above and below Meadow Valley street were observed to be smoking and almost took fire. The light men have worked daily since to locate the seat of the trouble, but so far have failed to discover it. It may be that part of the line will be laid off for a time till new supplies can be obtained from the east.

Decoration Day.

Decoration day, May 30th, was pleasantly observed at Pioche, though no previous arrangements to that end had been made. Early in the morning several wagons set out after flowers and several loads were obtained and woven into wreaths, etc. by the children at the school house, and during the afternoon of the day a great number of people visited the various cemeteries north of town, and nearly every grave in them was remembered and decorated with evergreens and flowers, so abundant hereabouts this spring. The custom is a pleasing one and we are glad to note that it grows stronger here every succeeding year.

Hymenaeal.

On Sunday last, in the Masonic Hall on Locust street, George Wheatley and Miss Harriet Hall were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by District Judge Fitzgerald, in the presence of a large number of friends.

The groom is well and favorably known hereabouts, where he has resided for a number of years past. The bride came directly from Kansas, arriving only two days before the marriage. George arranged the little matter very quietly and his most intimate friends were not a little surprised. On Monday evening the newly married couple held a house-warming at their home on Panama Flat, where many friends joined in wishing them all possible happiness in their new station in life.

Runaways.

Saturday was a lively day for runaways. About noon H. Harris' team and one of the P. C. Co's, were in front of the Mercantile company's store on Main street, when Harris' team started off, the wheels of the vehicle catching in those of the Mining Co's wagon. The Company's team then broke away up the street and when in front of the postoffice collided with a tree, demolishing the front part of the wagon entirely. Harris' team was stopped without injury.

In the afternoon Schaefer's brewery team ran up Meadow Valley street from the corner of Main, and turning in at Cedar street, smashed in the side of a barn in which they are usually kept, and demolished the side of the wagon. No person was hurt in either case.

Mrs. P. B. McKeon, on Main street, has opened up a fine assortment of fine Spring and Summer Millinery and is having a good run of custom.

On Friday evening, the 17th inst., the pupils of the public schools will give an entertainment at Thompson's Opera House on the closing of the school, the object being to secure funds for a school library. Full notice will be given next week.

Miss May Earle departed by Sunday's stage for Salt Lake, where she will proceed to open a kindergarten. During her stay here, Miss Earle successfully conducted a school of that character and it is to be regretted that our little ones will now be deprived of that method of instruction.

A. S. Thompson received during the week, a car load of Salt Lake bottled beer, sarsaparilla, cream and lemon soda water, for the summer trade. Also a fine line of best brands Kentucky whiskies in barrels, kegs and bottles, together with a line of glassware, both light and heavy. Prices low and free delivery.

M. A. Maher, an old timer of Frisco, Utah, and Nye county, Nevada, where he has put in about twenty years of hard labor developing the mineral wealth of those sections, is in the city and is looking about for another "layout" in the shape of a promising prospect. Mike meets many old friends in Pioche, both from Frisco, Silver Reef and California.

Interest in Ferguson district seems not to abate, and every day witnesses the departure of men and general supplies to the new Eldorado, where wild scramble and excitement has given way to steady work, and many of the locations are being developed, some showing up in good shape, though none yet begin to compare with the Magnolia and April Fool claims.

Mr. I. Hazelgrove, who was foreman at the Day mine until a few days ago, when he went to Salt Lake, returned from that place on Monday and will be with us about ten days assisting Mr. E. E. Olcott in his examination of the Day mine. Mr. Olcott is making a very thorough examination of all the P. C. Co's properties, and expects to yet consume several weeks time on that line.

FERGUSON DISTRICT

General Description of the Country and its Present Valuable Prospects.

The District is Bound to Come to the Front, and at no Distant Day—Ore \$50,000 to the Ton!

In company with Carl Shuman, the photographer, your correspondent left Pioche for Ferguson district Sunday, taking the road via Ballonville, which, though a more circuitous route than that leading over the hill from Pioche past the Raymond & Ely, on account of its smoothness is an easier road to travel and therefore "the quickest way home," or in this case to Bennett Springs. From Bennett Springs to Golden City and Helene, Mr. Shuman preferred to take the road via Dry Lake and the Point of Rocks, although there are two reasonably fair roads leading to Helene, one going to Cliff Springs and the other via Grassy Springs. Yet in this case also the "longest way 'round' is the quickest way to arrive at one's destination.

Golden City is deserted with the exception of a few, principally the Magnolia owners and one or two others interested on that side of the hill. Going over the hill from Golden to Helene, a distance of perhaps half a mile, the trail passes directly by the Magnolia, on the dump of which are ten or fifteen tons of ore similar in character to that recently shipped to Salt Lake. The shaft is now down about fifty feet, so we were informed, but as there were none of the owners of the mine present at the time we visited it we did not go down the shaft.

The town of Helene is prettily situated between the hills and consists of about a dozen tents and two frame buildings, scattered over about ten acres of a level spot in the canyon. The business houses consist of a drug store, a boarding house, a lodging house and two saloons. A stock of merchandise is soon to be brought to Helene, and Mr. J. A. Denton will soon open a feed corral and stable, where he will supply water, hay and grain. Messrs. Denton and Cooper have had a force of men at work in the upper part of the camp digging a well during the week past, and having obtained a good flow of water at about twenty-five feet propose to put in pipes and bring the water into town.

Across the high hill to the southeast of Helene the April Fool mine is situated, being an immense ledge, cropping out of the ground in places to a height of ten or twelve feet, and running northerly and southerly, encountering at its northern extremity an immense porphyry dike which cuts through the quartzite country rock in an easterly and westerly direction, and which can be traced through the entire district. The owners of this claim are at present looked upon as the future millionaires of the camp. The mine turns out exceedingly rich gold ore, and they already have enough out for any reasonable man to commence business on. They were offered \$500 per sack for their ore on the dump and refused it. This rock is most peculiar in its character for gold ore, for it appears to be nothing more than a piece of quartz or quartzite upon first glancing at it.

A closer examination, however, reveals fine particles of yellow in the brown of the rock, which when examined still more closely with a glass, are shown to be particles of gold almost as fine as the finest flour. The weight of the rock, however, proclaims its mineral character. Some specimens of free gold are found about the size of a knife point, but these rarely occur, the most of the rock being of the character described above and containing gold in very fine particles, yet in such quantities that the ore is immensely rich, assays running from \$20,000 per ton to \$50,000. Besides this extraordinarily rich streak, a streak of soft ore about eighteen inches wide carries from \$200 to \$300 in gold per ton, whilst outside of this again, and towards the footwall, is horn silver ore ranging from 1500 oz. to 2500 oz. in value. Taking everything into consideration, the extent of the ledge, width and richness of the ore, it is my opinion that the April Fool is the richest mine I have ever seen, and is destined to become a veritable bonanza. A shipment of ore will soon be made to Salt Lake City, and I predict an influx of prospectors and mining men to this district as soon as the returns are made known. Had this mine been found in Colorado or Montana, or even in Mormon Utah, ten thousand souls would have peopled the district. When the merits of the district become more widely known through shipments of ore such as have been made by the Magnolia, and especially as will be made by the April Fool, the influx of fortune-seekers will be fully as great as any boom Colorado or Montana has ever known, Virginia or Leadville not excepted.

Below the April Fool, and an extension of it, lies the Gold Cup, a claim also very promising in its infancy. The owners of this claim have as yet done nothing in the way of development upon it. Just west of the April Fool, and parallel with it, are the Jim Crow Nos. 1 and 2. No. 1 shows an exceedingly fine ledge, rich in horn silver and containing some gold, but how much gold I could not ascertain, as none of the owners were to be seen at the time of my visit. Some fine particles of gold were visible in the rock.

Up between the April Fool and the Magnolia and on the northern slope of the hill, lies the Sunbeam, a twenty foot ledge, the first assay from which showed \$75 in gold, later assays from \$60 to \$100.

The owners have a shaft down about thirty feet and intend to sink it to fifty feet and crosscut to the walls. Every thing in the ledge assays, and the ore improves in appearance as depth is attained.

The Snowflake is another ledge eight feet wide, belonging to the same parties, and from which they have taken some good looking rock. They are now working both properties.

Across the gulch, from the Sunbeam and on Gold Hill are the properties lately bonded to James Hutchinson, representing San Francisco capitalists, by Samuel Reed. Mr. Hutchinson recently returned from San Francisco, and engaging a force of men to whom he pays \$4.00 per day each wages, has begun the work of driving a tunnel into the hill to open up the property.

The Nevada Spy is on the western end of Gold Hill, and a very promising looking prospect. The ore is exactly the same in appearance as the Magnolia and containing a large per centage of manganese. A pan of dirt alongside of the ledge showed gold enough to place the value of the deposit at \$1000 per ton at a very conservative estimate.

There are about one hundred and fifty people in Ferguson district, I should think, and they are scattered from Cedar Springs on the south, five miles from Helene, to Grassy Springs, about six miles in the opposite direction. Some very fine looking prospects have been found in each extremity of the district. There is room here for about ten times as many prospectors as are now in the hills. Those now there are almost to a man residents of Lincoln county, and they don't seem to worry that people from the outside don't flock into the district either, for while numbers of men are rushing to the rich finds of Colorado and a few deluded ones are scouring the Deep Creek country, the prospectors of Ferguson are picking out the best looking locations and preparing to realize something from sale as well as development of their properties.

I take notice that Mr. H. A. Cohen of Morey, and Mr. Chas. H. Wilson of Chihuahua, Mexico, are interested in everything that they could get an interest in, and as both of those gentlemen are of wide experience in mining matters, they are investing in the district not merely for the purpose of owning a mine or a number of mines, but for the purpose of making money out of them. Water is a scarce article in Helene and has to be hauled from Cedar or Grassy. It is warm work tramping over the hills, and as the protecting shade of a "Joshua" does not afford anything but the festive lizard a guard against the sun's moisture-absorbing rays, the welcome shade of our friend Cooper's habitation and a goodly quantity of Max Schaeffer's Highland beer came in very handy upon our return from our trips over the hills.

There will be a sawmill within fifteen miles of Helene this summer, thereby bringing down the price of lumber, which is now \$50.00 per thousand, to a more reachable figure for the poor prospector. Several more frame buildings are to be constructed sooner of lumber brought from Pioche, Clover and Pine Valleys, and were it not for the high price of that material at present a number of others would put up frames on their lots, which are now occupied by tents or simply a camp outfit under Gods blue sky.

The "Joshua," of which I have spoken, is a most peculiar plant. It belongs, I suppose, to the cactus variety, and is the most repulsive looking thing I ever saw in the vegetable kingdom. Springing from the ground the first year is a bunch of thorns, in length from six to eight inches each, sharp as a needle at the point toward which each tapers from a half or three fourth inch width of base with saw like edges. This bunch of thorns grows around a common stem and like a chivald-frize, points its barbs in every direction. The next year the young thorns appear at the top pointing upward, while those of a years growth point downward along the stem; the thorns are always green in color and the old ones lying close to the trunk become of a dark drab or weather beaten wood hue. This process of growth is kept up until the tree or plant has attained a height of twelve or fifteen feet and is as large at the butt as a good sized apple tree, and has immense branches of odd shapes and sizes, some growing around others, some growing into the ground and others seeming to reach their thorny arms out to tickle the hide of the too venturesome approacher. All parts of the tree are covered with thorns and all except the new ones pointing downward. This plant furnishes the prospector with fuel, for it will burn slowly and is better than the rabbit brush and grease wood for a camp fire. It would make an impenetrable fence for stock, and these two uses are about all I can conceive it to be good for, except that it gives shade and a safe retreat to the swiftest lizards as common hereabouts and which are the only living things that dare intrude among its inhospitable branches.

It is a singular fact that the "Joshua" is not found outside of the district and the mineral wash from its hills, although it grows in abundance in other portions of southern Nevada and in southern California, where it sometimes reaches the height of twenty feet. Should the "Joshua" prove a harbinger of good luck to the prospector, a new importance will be attached to it, and like the "diggers delight" of Australia, which is found only in the mineral regions, it will be eagerly sought for by the prospector and its unsightly appearance be hailed with joy.

Ed. T. COLBY.

For Sale.

A span of good horses for sale cheap. Inquire at Hesperian drug Store.

Mine Sale.
The Pioche Con. M. & R. Co. has been prosecuting work for some months past on the Detroit claim in Bristol district, owned by Alex. I. Harrison and others, working the property for lead ore under a contract of purchase. During the time the company has taken out and reduced several hundred tons of fairly good lead ore and Tuesday consummated the purchase of the property by paying \$2000 therefor. This is velvet for the owners, as the claim was taken off their hands without any expense to them other than recording their notice of location.

Justice's Court.
Sunday morning, William Leonard, a recent resident, while on a little jam assaulted Joseph Ivins on Main street, evidently intent on getting even on somebody for a previous scrap, and though no serious injury resulted, Ivins swore out a warrant for Leonard's arrest. Leonard resisted the officers and only after a severe struggle was he carried bodily to the jail. Monday morning he pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10 and costs, which he paid and went away promising to do likewise no more. A light punishment when all the circumstances are considered.

Attention!
Members of Pioche Hose Co. No. 1 are requested to attend a meeting tomorrow (Friday) night, as business of importance will come up.
H. E. FREEDENTHAL, President.

Musical Musket!
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MISS M. HUNTER.

One of the brethren from Utah paid a visit to the smelters a few days ago and was much interested in the refinery. He stood for some time in deep study, watching the litharge as it flowed from the crucible. Suddenly he walked over to one of the men engaged at the furnace and in an almost inaudible whisper inquired if that was the place where the minerals came out.

Mr. Sam T. Godbe arrived from the north on Sunday. He has visited the Deep Creek country since last leaving here and reports that action as boomed more than the mineral developments justify. There are a number of good paying properties there, but a large portion of the country doesn't pay, and won't; the veins are narrow and small, though rich, but the country rock is hard and flinty and mining is expensive. Mr. Godbe was on his way to the Yellow Pine district, where he will meet Mr. A. G. Campbell, who has a number of low and high grade lead mines, some well developed already, and showing immense bodies.

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